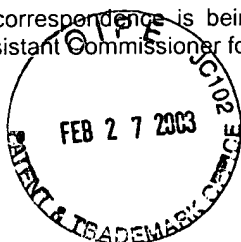


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number
PHA 23,891 (7790/183)

In re Application of: **FARRELL L. OSTLER, ET AL.**

Application Number: **09/466,405** Filed: **DECEMBER 17, 1999**

For: **BRANCH INSTRUCTIONS WITH DECOUPLED
CONDITION AND ADDRESS**

Group Art Unit: **2183** Examiner: **MEONSKE, T.**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to Office Action dated August 23, 2002 in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ 110.00
- ☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 410.00
- ☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 930.00
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ 1,450.00
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ 1,970.00
- ☐ Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27; therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$_____

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

☐ is enclosed.

☐ has already been filed in this application.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1713. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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